

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) An optical lens, comprising a marking formed on a surface entirely or partially outside an effective area of said lens to distinguish between a surface and a back of said lens.
2. (original) The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lens is a coupling lens.
3. (original) The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lens surface has a coating film and said marking is formed by using said coating film.
4. (original) The optical lens as set forth in claim 3, wherein said coating film is not provided at least partially outside the effective area of said lens, and said marking refers to a part on which said coating film is not provided.
5. (original) The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said marking is unevenly formed outside the effective area of said lens.
6. (original) The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said marking is made of a printed matter.
7. (original) The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said marking is made of a coating matter.

8-9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) A manufacturing method of an optical lens, comprising a step of entirely or partially forming a marking on a surface outside an effective area of said lens to distinguish between a surface and a back of said lens.

11. (original) The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10, wherein said lens is a coupling lens.

12. (original) The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or 11, wherein said lens surface has a coating film and said marking is formed by using said coating film.

13. (original) The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 12, wherein said coating film is not provided at least partially outside the effective area of said lens, and said marking refers to a part on which said coating film is not provided.

14. (original) The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or 11, wherein said marking is unevenly formed outside the effective area of said lens by using a mold.

15. (original) The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or 11, wherein said marking is formed by printing.

16. (original) The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or 11, wherein said marking is formed by coating.

17-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) An optical device, comprising any one of optical lenses as set forth in claims 1 to 7 9.

20. (original) The optical device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said optical device is an optical pickup device and said optical lens is used for condensing light on an optical disk, said optical device including a light source for emitting light and an optical element for detecting light reflected on said optical disk.

21. (original) The optical device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said optical device is an optical communication component and said optical lens is used for condensing light, said optical device including a light source for emitting light and an optical fiber.

22. (original) The optical device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said optical device is an optical sensor and said optical lens is used for condensing light, said optical device including

an optical element for detecting light condensed by said optical lens.

23-42. (canceled)

43. (previously presented) The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the marking comprises a light-absorbing material.

44. (previously presented) The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the marking comprises a light-scattering material.

45. (previously presented) The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the marking comprises a rough surface.

46. (previously presented) The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the optical lens is 2 millimeters or smaller.